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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2055

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SUBJ: NEAR EAST MARKETS FOR U.S. WEST COAST

LUMBER AND PLYWOOD

REF: STATE 039568

1. LOCAL ALGERIAN LUMBER PRODUCTION ESTIMATED TO BE 23,000 M3 IN 1970. IMPORTS IN 1970 TOTALED 443,400 M3. PANEL PRODUCTS PRODUCTION 1970 WAS 3,500 M3 AND IMPORTS 21,200 M3. MAJOR SUPPLIERS SAID TO BE FINLAND, CANADA, AUSTRIA, RUMANIA, USSR. CANADIANS SAY THEY ARE LARGEST SUPPLIER, BUT ALGERIAN STATISTICS DO NOT BEAR THIS OUT.

2. FOREST AREA OF ALGERIA SAID TO BE ABOUT 12 MILLION ACRES, 3 MILLION OF WHICH ARE POTENTIALLY COMMERCIAL AND 9 MILLION OF WHICH ARE DENSE SCRUB.

3. ALGERIAN STATISTICS (1972) SHOW MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF ROUGH LUMBER, SAWED, AS FOLLOWS: (ALL FIGURES IN ALGERIAN DINARS) USSR 27.7 MILLION; FINLAND 24.4 MILLION; CANADA 8.8 MILLION; ROUMANIA 4.6 MILLION; AUSTRIA 3.2 MILLION; ITALY 2.9 MILLION. MAJOR PLYWOOD SUPPLIERS ARE: CAMEROUN 6.2 MILLION; GABON 3.3 MILLION; ITALY 3 MILLION; FRANCE 2.7 MILLION; UEBL 1.9 MILLION; MOROCCO 1.8 MILLION.

4. RAIL CROSS TIES: FRANCE 4.4 MILLION; AUSTRALIA 2.8 MILLION.

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5. UTILITY POLES: SPAIN 1.4 MILLION; FINALND .7 MILLION.

6. STATE MONOPOLY FOR WOOD IS: SONACOB (SOCIETE  
NATIONALE DES COMMERCIALISATION DES BOIS ET DERIVES)  
2, BLVD. MOHAMED V, ALGIERS.

7. EMBASSY UNABLE TO DATE OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH  
APPROPRIATE SONACOB OFFICIAL FOR INFORMATION  
PER PARA 3 REFTTEL. WILL FORWARD WHEN OBTAINED.  
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